

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Sept. 29, 2008; meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, James Sousa, Christopher Stanley, Robert Miner, Jon Ulmschneider, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Norman Guertin and Omer LeTellier.

Minutes from previous meeting read. J. Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by N. Blank, to accept as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

„« Individual companies; correspondence distributed.

„« Chief read invitation from Swansea Fire Dept. re: Public Safety Day, Oct. 5th. Chief will send Ladder 1 to Swansea Station 2; Eng. 1 will probably go. Parade starts from Case High School; need to be there by noon.

„« Chief read article from IAAI about firefighters failing to find burnt body in car.

Old Business:

„« Fire Prevention Week ¡V Oct. 5-11 ¡V Date to visit Hugh Cole School not scheduled yet. Chief wants to wait until new tower truck to come in.

New Business:

„« Updated Emergency Access Box listing distributed.

„« VFIS will be holding a „Train the Trainer“ class for drivers. Chief wants at least one person from each company to attend to become certified as a driver instructor. List of individuals to be given to Chief as soon as possible.

„« Board of Firefighters Relief needs last four digits of social security numbers for all department members. Lists provided to each company with names of those not on Chief's file highlighted. Information needs to be given to Chief after October company meetings.

Other:

„« NFPA now requires fire and rescue personnel who engage in traffic incident management to wear tear-away vests. Chief will purchase 24 of these and put two on each fire department vehicle.

„« Crash Hurst DVD Use by entering vehicle VIN number into computer, and it will show where to cut, etc. for that vehicle when extricating. Cost of the program is approximately \$600. Chief will look into purchasing it and a new laptop computer.

„« New training room Chief having new carpet installed. He will purchase new tables and chairs for 25 people to leave in the room. He will also get new screen, projector, etc. to supply the room.

„« Engs. 3, 6, and rescue have new chargers for 800 radios; Chief to have them installed in all other apparatus. He will have ITAC channel programmed into the current radios; this will eliminate talking over

everyone else. Chief is looking to have a repeater system shared with Providence.

„« Chief will assign a firefighter detail at Soccer Club on Nov. 1st from 6:00 p.m.-midnight for their Holy Ghost fundraiser.

„« Chief will go before Town Council in January re: VFIS retirement program for volunteers.

„« Chief needs names of any member needing Hep B shots; these are mandatory for anyone working rescue.

Training:

„« Representative from DEM will be at Sta. 6 on Oct. 9th to speak about wild land fires; this is in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

„« Oct. 16th ¡V Walk-through scheduled at Parker Mills.

„« Oct. 19th ¡V Water shuttle drill scheduled in Touisset. Swansea, Rehoboth, & Wesport will be asked to participate. Chief will contact Chief Bessette in Barrington to see if their Sta. 4 volunteers could stand-by in Warren for the duration.

„« FF II will need to begin in January at the earliest.

„« HazMat class will now be part of FF I. It can also be taken on-line.

There being no further business to discuss J. Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by J. Sousa, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.